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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL: DEMARCHES ON COSTA GOMES

FOR CARLUCCI FROM SONNENFELDT

1. I SPOKE WITH BRITISH CHARGE MORETON ABOUT THEIR IMPENDING DEMARCHE ON COSTA GOMES. I SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THIS DEMARCHE WOULD BE LESS FORCEFUL THAN THAT WHICH YOU HAD DELIVERED. I SAID THAT OUR DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE FORCEFUL WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMARCHES HAS BEEN FURTHER REINFORCED BY RECENT AND RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT YOUR DEMARCHE HAD HAD A USEFUL EFFECT UPON COSTA GOMAS, AND THAT SIMILAR APPROACHES BY THE BRITISH AND OTHERS WOULD TOO. MORETON NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR TRENT WAS RATHER AMBIVALENT OVER THE UTILITY OF A DEMARCHE SUCH AS WE HAD PROPOSED. I SUGGESTED THAT TRENT MIGHT WANT TO BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU, TO GET YOUR MOST CURRENT APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION.

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2. I HAVE ALSO COMMUNICATED TO THE GERMANS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE LACK OF FORCE IN THEIR DEMARCHE. I SUGGESTED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THEIR CHARGE GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU, AND HAVING DONE SO, THAT THEY MIGHT THEN EXAMINE WHETHER THEIR APPROACH MIGHT USEFULLY BE REINFORCED.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO PASS ON TO YOUR BRITISH AND GERMAN COLLEAGUES SOME OF THE SPECIFICS WHICH LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE VIGOROUS WESTERN EUROPEAN DEMARCHES ARE USEFUL AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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